

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, March 24, 2005.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Petruccelli of Boston in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Prayer was offered by the Reverend Robert F. Quinn, C.S.P., Chaplain of the House, as follows:

Gracious God, Easter is a religious and cultural celebration on which our hearts and minds are filled with faith, joy, hope and optimism. This season of the year reminds us of new beginnings, new life and new expectations. Religious celebrations and observances offer us an opportunity, with Your guidance, to consider and, perhaps, to rearrange the list of our personal goals. Easter, the Feast of the Resurrection of Jesus, is also a family day on which family members express their love and concern for each other. Let the spirit of the day remain with us always and guide us in our daily living.

Grant Your blessings to the Speaker, the members and employees of this House and their families. Amen.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Petruccelli), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Message from the Governor — Veto.

A message from His Excellency the Governor returning with his objections thereto in writing the engrossed Bill relative to the abstinence education project of the Department of Public Health [see House, No. 44] (for message, see House, No. 2601) was filed in the Office of the Clerk on Friday, March 18.

The message was read; and, under House Rule 12, it was placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session, the question being on passing said bill, notwithstanding the said objections.

Messages from the Governor.

A message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to ocean resources and conservation (House, No. 2602) was filed in the office of the Clerk on Friday, March 18.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Statement of Representative Peterson of Grafton.

A statement of Mr. Peterson of Grafton was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I was not present in the House Chamber for the sitting of March 9 due to a previously scheduled family commitment. Had

Prayer.

Pledge of
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I been present that day, I would have voted, on each roll call, in the affirmative.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

George W.
Cunningham.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Finegold of Andover) recognizing the achievements of George W. Cunningham;

Face of
Pharmacy
Day.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Koutoujian of Waltham) honoring the contributions of pharmacists and the Second Annual Face of Pharmacy Day in Massachusetts;

Sean
Holt.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Linsky of Natick) congratulating Sean Holt on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

David
Hannan.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Murphy of Weymouth and other members of the House) honoring David Hannan for his bold and visionary leadership as president and chief executive officer of South Shore Hospital;

Best
Buddies.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Timilty of Milton) congratulating Best Buddies on the First Annual Disabilities Awareness Day;

Institute for
Health and
Recovery.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Wolf of Cambridge) commending the Institute for Health and Recovery;

Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Ms. Rogeness of Longmeadow, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Reports of a Committee.

By Mr. O'Flaherty of Chelsea, for the committee on the Judiciary, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Immunity.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 746) of Eugene L. O'Flaherty relative to exempting health care providers from civil liability as a result of administering immunizations or vaccines;

Sexual
assault
nurse
examiners.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 878) of Peter J. Koutoujian and others relative to the certification of sexual assault nurse examiners and the collection of forensic evidence in cases of sexual assault and rape; and

Contagious
diseases.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 895) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others relative to the deliberate spread of contagious diseases;

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the committee on Public Health.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DiMasi of Boston,—

Next
sitting.

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

At thirteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Ms. Rogeness of Longmeadow (Mr. Petrucci of Boston being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.